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AMENDMENT AND RCE
Application No. 10/648,184

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**AMENDMENT
PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c))**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in reply to an Office Action made final and mailed on June 18, 2007. The amendments and remarks as provided herein are filed pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 submitted concurrently herewith. Applicants also wishes to thank the Examiner for holding a telephone interview with Applicants' representatives on July 18, 2007.

In view of the amendments, statement and remarks provided herewith, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment, believed necessary to bring prosecution to a

speedy conclusion and to deal justly by Applicants and the public. Applicants believe this Amendment defines their invention in claims that will give them patent protection to which they are justly entitled. With this paper, Applicant believes no new matter requiring an additional search on the part of the Examiner has been introduced. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and requests allowance of claims pending in their Application for patent.

Provided herewith and for consideration with the above-identified Application are the following:

Amendments to the Claims reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 3;

Statement of Substance of Interview under 37 C.F.R § 1.133 that begins on page 7;

Remarks that begin on page 8;

Conclusion that begins on page 10 of this paper.